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1. I SAW ACTING MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADNAN
ABU ODEH ON SHORT NOTICE AUGUST 13 AND MADE ORAL PRESEN-
TATION AND LEFT AIDE-MEMOIRE ON BASIS OF TALKING POINTS IN
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PARA. 4 REFTTEL A.

2. I LED INTO DISCUSSION BY EXPRESSING PERSONAL APPRECI-
ATION OF JORDAN'S AUGUST 13 ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC SUPPORT
FOR CAMP DAVID SUMMIT (REF. E) FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR
ATHERTON'S VISIT AND USED THIS POINT TO LAY HEAVY STRESS ON
TALKING POINTS IN REF. A. I MENTIONED THE PROBLEM THAT

Z-R ISSUE, IF IT BECOMES INSCRIBED IN WORLD CONFERENCE FINAL REPORT, WOULD PASS AUTOMATICALLY TO UNGA THIS FALL AND RUN SERIOUS RISK OF INFLAMING ATMOSPHERE SURROUNDING CAMP DAVID TALKS.

I BELIEVED JORDAN AND U. S. HAD COMMON INTEREST IN SEEING MIDEAST PEACE EFFORTS SUCCEED AND WE NEEDED TO INSURE THAT EVERY POSSIBLE PRECAUTION IS TAKEN TO PREVENT ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCES FROM DEVELOPING.

3. I MENTIONED RECENT DISCUSSION AMBASSADOR LEONARD HAD IN JORDAN WITH GOJ LEADERS AND ADDED THAT, SINCE HIS VISIT, THE RECENT DEVELOPMENT OF CAMP DAVID TALKS IN OUR JUDGMENT ADDS A NEW AND MOMENTOUS ELEMENT WHICH MAKES THIS ISSUE TAKE ON MUCH MORE URGENCY AND IMPORTANCE IN TERMS OF MID-EAST NEGOTIATIONS.

4. IN CLOSING I EMPHASIZED PER PARA. 3 REFTEL A THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE TO U. S. AND URGENCY WITH WHICH GOVERNMENTS WOULD NEED TO INSTRUCT THEIR DELEGATIONS BEFORE TOMORROW'S (AUGUST 14) GENEVA MEETING. WITHOUT MENTIONING EGYPTIAN EFFORTS, I SAID I HOPED JORDAN COULD JOIN FORCES WITH OTHER MODERATES TO PREVENT ADOPTION OF Z-R RESOLUTION.

5. ABU ODEH LISTENED SYMPATHETICALLY TO PRESENTATION AND SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS ISSUE IMMEDIATELY WITH PRIME MINISTER AND ROYAL COURT CHIEF SHARAF.
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6. COMMENT: I HOPE, BUT HAVE NO GUARANTEE, THAT JORDAN'S SUPPORT OF CAMP DAVID SUMMIT FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR ATHERTON'S VISIT HERE YESTERDAY WILL ENCOURAGE GOJ TO JOIN FORCES WITH OTHER ARAB MODERATES IN OPPOSING THE Z-R ISSUE.
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